

Two Serious Fires in City During Sunday

Fredericton Steam Laundry Scene of Early Morning Fire--Two Upper Stories With Contents Practically Destroyed--Loss Estimated at \$5,000--Smith Foundry Had Narrow Escape in Afternoon--Fire Originating in Boiler-Room Did Considerable Damage.

Two very bad fires made Sunday one of the most important days that the Fredericton Fire Department has experienced in some time. The Fredericton Steam Laundry, 358 Queen street, was the scene of an early morning fire which resulted in about \$5,000 of damage being done, the second and third stories of the building being gutted and all machinery contained in them converted into junk. The second serious fire was at the Smith Foundry, King street, between five and six o'clock in the evening. The roof of the machine-shop and boiler-room was considerably damaged and a shed nearby was partly burned with its contents. It is estimated that \$5,000 will cover the loss. Insurance was carried in both cases sufficient to cover the loss. At both fires the Fire Department under Chief Rutter did excellent service and prevented damage more extensive than that which resulted.

Laundry Fire.

The fire at the Fredericton Steam Laundry, which is owned and operated by Mr. Thomas A. Niles, broke out between four and five o'clock in the morning. It was observed by the sentry on duty at the Barracks, Queen street, who notified

Corp. Herbert Stephenson. The latter rung in an alarm from box 21. It is said that before that a resident of St. Mary's had observed the fire but had not been able to get telephone connection to inform people on this side of the river of a fire. Policeman Charles Marshall had passed the building at four o'clock but saw no sign of fire. When the sentry saw it a huge column of flame and smoke was shooting skyward. Before the fire apparatus arrived a terrific explosion took place in the third story of the building, which forced portions of the brick walls outward. A large quantity of bricks were hurled into Queen street and others into the alley between the burning building and that occupied by Ald. Joseph Walker as a tailoring shop. The explosion is thought to have been caused by the smoke, heated air and gas generated by the fire in an small space. Three streams were put on the fire from hydrants in Queen street in a short time and a determined fight was begun by the firemen. The fire evidently had originated in the drying-room at the rear of the laundry. The rear of the building suffered the most, particularly the second and third floors. The explosion which blew out a portion of the walls made

part of the roof settle. The roof was much burned and probably must be replaced. The machinery on both the second and third floors was ruined and these stories thoroughly gutted. Mr. Niles estimates his loss at \$5,000. It is probable that the laundry will not be in operation again for several weeks. The ruins of the building attracted crowds of spectators all day Sunday. Gasoline was used in the laundry but Mr. Niles says not more than a quart was in the tank at the time of the fire. This is the second serious fire this laundry has suffered, the other being about four years ago when the third story was damaged.

Smith Foundry Fire.

The fire at the Smith Foundry broke out shortly after five o'clock in the afternoon. When first observed, the flames were bursting through the ventilator on the roof of the boiler-room and had a strong hold on that part of the building. The flames ran along the roof of the building with incredible speed and the roofing material sent up huge clouds of black smoke as it burned. An alarm from box 27 called out the firemen but before water could be turned on the blaze the flames had reached the main building containing the offices and the Fredericton Garage. The fire department soon had three streams on. Efforts were directed at once toward keeping the flames out of from the main building. These were successful, the fire on the roof being extinguished in a short time.

Meanwhile, the flames had been communicated to a wooden shed toward the rear of the foundry yard, which contained a large number of boxes used in shipping certain finished product. This shed-fire gave the firemen a hard struggle and was the last of the fire to be subdued. Rubber covers were taken into the machine-shop by the Salvage Corps and placed over the machines. The fire in the boiler-room was attacked both within and without the building. After half an hour's hard work the fire was out. The fire attracted a large number of spectators and in its early stages was very spectacular.

Mr. Albert Smith, one of the officers of the Smith Foundry Company, stated yesterday that he thought the fire must have originated from the boiler. The building was very dry and once the fire started it made great headway. Messrs. E. L. Merrieth and Wardlow S. Kilburn passed through the room where the fire began only five minutes before. At that time there was no sign of fire. During a portion of Sunday the plant was in partial operation. The power before the fire was discovered.

had been off for some time, however. The roof of the boiler-room must be rebuilt and that of the other parts of the plant repaired extensively as a result of the fire. There is also a certain amount of damage to stock and equipment. The whole, it is thought, will be covered by \$5,000.



Canadian Pacific at Lyons

An exhibition is taking place at Lyons, in France, and the pride of place in the Canadian section must be given to the Canadian Pacific Railway exhibit, comprising three stalls, and the painting covering the back wall of the stalls, showing in a pictorial form the principal agricultural, mineral and industrial products of every Canadian Province and of Newfoundland, has attracted much attention. The officials of the French Colonial Office have paid two special visits to study this picture, and the French Government will adopt a somewhat similar method to educate the public in France as to the resources of the French Colonial possessions. On the right of this design is a large painting of the steamship "Empress of Russia," and underneath a panel of lettering in French, pointing out that the Dominion-Express Company places the French manufacturer and exporter in touch with the Canadian importer. On the left of the design is a large painting of a C. P. R. train, and underneath a panel of lettering in French giving statistics about the Canadian Pacific. Underneath the whole is a huge map of the C. P. R. system, showing its steamboat connections with Europe, Asia and Australia, and paintings of all Canadian Pacific hotels.

The right side of the stall is taken up with an exhibit from the Province of Ontario, comprising numerous specimens of metals, canned goods, oils, marble slabs, honey, woods, and what rather amused the French visitors—bottles of wine produced in Ontario. On the wall three British Columbia pictures showing big trees and salmon were prominent. The right section of

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ALASKAN DOG RACE FINISHED ON FRIDAY

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Seppala stood the strain of the race fully as well as his hardy wolf-dogs, and when he drove down from street toward the finish line, the entire winter population of Nome, some 2,500 persons, cheered him wildly.

Delzene's dogs also finished in good condition, but Ayer's were very tired. By winning the race Seppala gained a purse of \$2,000.

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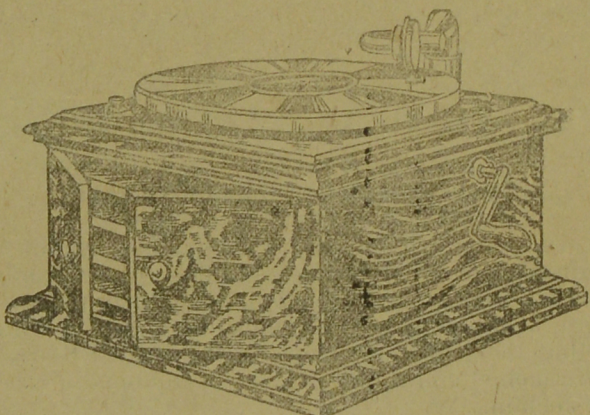
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